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1 Specifically, applicant submits that the element 22 is
2 not the lens housing claimed in Claims 1 and 4. Thus, it is clear
3 that Takahashi does not anticipate these claims and they are
4 therefore allowable.

5 Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims
6 2, 3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over the
7 combination of Takahashi and Choate Patent 3,840,883. As discussed
8 above, Takahashi fails as the principal reference which is said to
9 anticipate the invention of Claims 1 and 4. The addition of Choate
10 does not meet the deficiencies pointed out with respect to the
11 Takahashi patent; Choate only teaches a lens cover with a threaded
12 adapter ring wherein the cover member is rotatable about the lens
13 axis. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are therefore submitted to be allowable
14 over the cited combination.

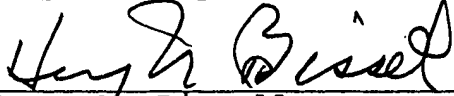
15 The rejection of Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
16 unpatentable with Takahashi in view of the Tiffen Patent 5,040,011
17 is also respectfully traversed. As pointed out above, Takahashi
18 fails as an affective primary reference; Tiffen is only cited for
19 teaching two locking notches on the periphery of the frame element
20 of the camera attachment. The combination of Tiffen with Takahashi
21 therefore fails to render the Claim 7 obvious and Claim 7 is
22 submitted to be allowable.

23 The rejection of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
24 unpatentable over Takahashi in view of MacKay Patent 5,208,624 and
25 the rejection of Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being
26 unpatentable with Takahashi in view of Loranger et al. Patent
27 4,122,470 are also respectfully traversed. None of these patents
28 supplies the deficiencies noted in Takahashi and the combinations
failed to render these claims obvious. Claims 8-10 are allowable.

1 In view of the accompanying Amendment and these remarks,
2 applicant respectfully requests that applicant's Claims 1-10 be
3 given favorable reconsideration and allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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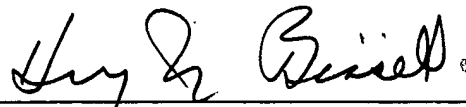
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